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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

February 26, 2014

I. Roll Call:

Present: Nickole DeMerritt, Jacinda Goodwin, Pender Makin, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, JJAG Chair, Christine Thibeault

Absent: Mark Boger, Edwin Chester, Esq., Dalene Dutton, Carla Knapp, Margaret Longworth, Lisa Sandy, Paul Vestal, Kathryn McGloin

Staff: Jason Carey, Staff Assistant

The JJAG Meeting was called to order by Barry Stoodley, Chair, at 12:14 P.M.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the January 22, 2014 JJAG meeting were approved after amending a misspelled name.

Motion: To approve the January 22, 2013 Executive Minutes

Moved: Jacinda Goodwin/Jonathan Shapiro

Action: Approved

III. JJ Specialist Business:

Electronic Voting – It is agreed that a mechanism for electronic voting needs to be added to the JJAG by-laws.

Guest Speakers – DMC will schedule a meeting with Jim Payne. Once that schedule has been set, the DMC Committee will send invitations out to the Executive Committee. Each Executive Committee member will be invited but not required to attend.

Phone costs- There are, currently, three staff phone lines at central office. We can reduce the overall costs of telecom by disconnecting two lines and leaving the one line. This movement would reduce the cost, for two hard-lines, by \$624/year +/- . The Executive Committee demonstrated approval as this would save money but ultimately leaves it up to the discretion of Kathryn.

Barry took just a few minutes to review the JJAG by-laws as they relate directly to the Executive Committee and the Juvenile Justice Specialist.

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IV. Budget:

There was no coverage for allocation of funding to subgrantees.

V. Sub-grantee Trekkers request for funding:

It is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to review decisions that have been made, in this case, about the funding of subgrantees.

Trekkers has asked that the JJAG reconsider all or part of the upcoming reduction to its grant, based on the fact that they will be unable to expand with the funding at 50%.

There was some discussion and then a vote whether or not to make an exception for the Trekkers funding.

The Executive Committee has reviewed this request and cannot change the outcome.

VI. Finance Committee:

The question is does the JJAG keep a separate committee for the purpose of finance. The committee would consist of JJAG members or staff members such as DOC's accountant. The committee would be responsible for supplying the JJAG with a financial report.

Christine and Jacinda have agreed to work as financial advisors of sort from within the Executive Committee.

VII. Legislative Committee:

The Legislative Committee will be part of Systems Improvement and look to add meetings around legislation. This will function as an ad hoc group that will be more or less active based on legislative activity.

VIII. By-Laws:

Electronic Voting – This component of JJAG communications will be added to the by-laws for 2014, defining a clear process for electronic voting as we move forward.

Ad hoc Committees – To what extent does a committee have the authority to setup ad hoc committees?

IX. Guest Speakers:

March – Arabella Perez, THRIVE

June –

September –

December –

Learn more about Arabella and the THRIVE initiative here: <http://thriveinitiative.org/>

THRIVE is the only project currently focusing on trauma-related issues of kids in Juvenile Corrections.

More about Arabella & THRIVE – We now have a trauma-informed system of care in Maine juvenile justice. Region 1 in the south and Region 3 are serving as the experimental group in this pilot project with Region 2 acting as the control group. The work is applied to kids who have been diverted – we don't want kids to penetrate any deeper into the system.

Jim Payne – Members of the DMC Committee received a recommendation to combine with the Executive Committee in an effort to capture a few more members while maintaining manageability. The original thought was that Jim would visit in March but this has been deferred as Arabella will be present for the Regular JJAG Meeting in March. DMC will send invitation to Executive Members when meeting with Jim has been scheduled.

At March's meeting there will be continued discussion to identify June's special guest. This will be an agenda item for March's meeting. Because there are so many great people to invite, as guest speakers to our meetings, we'll need to prioritize potential guests.

X. JJAG Three Year Plan Update:

Each will committee provide Kathryn with Needs & Problem statements. Kathryn will take it from there. The executive committee to support her in the assembly of the Update for the 3 Year Plan.

There was a request to flag important emails so they don't get lost in members mailboxes.

XI. Other:

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Nominating Committee – CJJ has asked for SAG members in the northeast interested in joining the Committee.

Christine Thibeault and Pender Makin both demonstrate interest in the position.

Departmental Reports – Department designees will report on departmental activities and develop areas of concern and/or gaps as the JJAG could play a role in addressing them. Department reports must be filled with more relative and useful information.

Questions may be drafted and distributed ahead of time so that it creates ease for Departmental Representatives during the reporting process.

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Youthful Offender – A concern was raised with the transition between 17 and 18 years of age. What if Maine had an automatic sealing of records for certain juvenile cases?

XII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2013 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.